DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for a bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on Mill Creek in Montgomery County. The Mill Creek TMDL was approved by EPA in June 2002. TMDL study reports can be found at the DEQ website http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls.

¹ 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives.

The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for Mill Creek will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, from 7:00 to 9.00 p.m. in the Auburn High School auditorium at 4069 Riner Road (State Route 8) in Riner, VA.

The public comment period will end on November 4, 2005. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the Mill Creek TMDL is available upon request. Written comments and inquiries should include the

name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Theresa Carter, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 252 W. Main Street, Suite 3, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, telephone (276) 676-5418, Fax (276) 676-5527, or e-mail theresa.carter@dcr.virginia.gov.